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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Cephia D. Toomer

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 9-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 9-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to the election of March 29, 2006 in which Group I, claims 1-5 were elected without traverse. The restriction/election is FINAL.

Specification

1. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 2-4, 9 and 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification does not appear to support a combination of polymers (claims 2, 3 and 9) or a combination of fumed silica and calcium carbonate (claims 4 and 10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-5 and 9-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 03/062346.

WO teaches a corrosion inhibiting formula comprising at least one alkali or alkaline-earth metal silicate or oxide, 0.1 part fumed silica, a chemically active compound, such as zinc oxide (see abstract; page 6, lines 5-14), and a carrier such as polyolefin polymers and biodegradable polymers such as polycaprolactone (see page 6, lines 15-20; page 7, lines 11-29; Examples). The corrosion inhibiting mixture makes up about 1-5 parts of the polymer (see claim 20). In addition to the above components, the composition may contain adjuvants (see page 8, lines 22-29).

WO teaches the limitations of the claims other than Applicant's intended use. However, intended use is no patentable weight in claims that are directed to the composition per se.

WO fails to teach the WVTR and parameters. However, no unobviousness is seen in this difference because WO appears to teach polymers that would meet these limitations since they are within the generic groups disclosed in the present application.

WO fails to teach the claimed particle size. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to optimize the particle size through routine experimentation for the best results. As to optimization of the results, a patent will not be granted based upon the optimization of result effective variables when the optimization is obtained through routine experimentation unless

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there is a showing of unexpected results which properly rebuts the *prima facie* case of obviousness. See *In re Boesch*, 617 F.2d 272, 276, 205 USPQ 215, 219 (CCPA 1980). See also *In re Woodruff*, 919 F.2d 1575, 1578, 16 USPQ2d 1934, 1936-37 (Fed. Cir. 1990), and *In re Aller*, 220 F.2d 454, 456, 105 USPQ 233, 235 (CCPA 1955).

6. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 366305.

EP teaches stabilized low density polyethylene comprising 100-2000 ppm zinc oxide of an aver mean diameter from 0.05 to 2.0 micrometers (see abstract; page 3, lines 6-13; 30-35 and claim 1). The composition may contain adjuvants (see page 4, lines 8-23).

WO teaches the limitations of the claims other than Applicant's intended use. However, intended use is no patentable weight in claims that are directed to the composition per se.

EP fails to teach the WVTR and parameters. However, no unobviousness is seen in this difference because WO appears to teach polymers that would meet these limitations since they are within the generic groups disclosed in the present application.

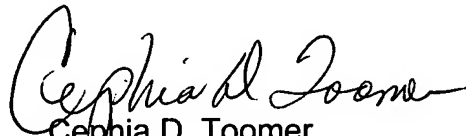
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cephia D. Toomer whose telephone number is 571-272-1126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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